

REMARKS

Examination of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

The Specification has been objected to as not containing a domestic priority paragraph. The Specification has been amended to include such a paragraph.


Claims 10, 11, and 19-23 have been rejected as anticipated by Yagyu et al., US 5,899,955. Claim 10 recites a sensor for scanning a part of a predefined search area.

The Examiner's cooperation during the telephone interview of August 31, 2004 is greatly appreciated. As discussed at that time, Yagyu et al. do not disclose a sensor for scanning a part of a predefined search area.

Consequently, claim 10, as well as claims 11 and 19-23 which depend from claim 10, are in condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this matter to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,


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